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February 01, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

27 February 1, 2011

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**GRANTS OF EASEMENTS
FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY
SAN GABRIEL RIVER - PARCELS 371 AND 594 - IN THE CITY OF IRWINDALE
PROJECT 275-528 - PARCEL 1 - IN THE CITY OF INDUSTRY
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action will allow the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to grant easements to Southern California Edison Company for underground and overhead transmission line purposes along the San Gabriel River in the City of Irwindale and Project 275-528 in the City of Industry.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Acting as a responsible agency for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project, consider the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared and certified by the California Public Utilities Commission as lead agency for the project, together with any comments received during the public review period; certify that your Board has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the project as shown in the Final Environmental Impact Report; adopt the mitigation monitoring program, finding that the mitigation monitoring program is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation; find that there are no further feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures within your Board's power that would substantially lessen or avoid any significant effect the project would have on the environment; and determine that the significant adverse effects of the project have either been reduced to an acceptable level or are outweighed by the specific consideration of

the project as outlined in the Environmental Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, which findings and statement are adopted and incorporated herein by reference.

2. Find the grants of easements for underground and overhead transmission line purposes and the subsequent use of said easements will not interfere with the use of San Gabriel River, Parcels 371 and 594, and Project 275-528, Parcel 1, for any purposes of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.
3. Approve the grants of easements for underground and overhead transmission line purposes from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to the Southern California Edison Company, in San Gabriel River, Parcels 371 and 594, in the City of Irwindale for \$13,000, and Project 275-528, Parcel 1 in the City of Industry for \$2,500.
4. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, or her designee, to sign the Easement documents and authorize delivery to Southern California Edison Company.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to adopt the required mitigation monitoring program and the Environmental Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Consideration and obtain approval from your Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), to grant easements from LACFCD to Southern California Edison Company (SCE) for underground and overhead transmission line purposes along the San Gabriel River, Parcels 371 and 594, in the City of Irwindale and Project 275-528, Parcel 1, in the City of Industry. SCE requested the easements as a part of their Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The revenue received from this transaction will help promote fiscal responsibility for the operation and maintenance of flood control facilities. This transaction allows for the continuation of utility services to the area through renewable sources, thereby improving the quality of life for residents of the County of Los Angeles.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

SCE paid a total of \$15,500 for the easements, which represents the fair market value. This amount has been deposited into the Flood Control District Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Parcels 371 and 594 are located along the San Gabriel River in the City of Irwindale at the intersection of the San Gabriel River Freeway (605 Freeway) and Rivergrade Road and at Live Oak Avenue, respectively. Parcel 1 is located along Project 275-528, west of Peckham and Rall Avenue, and east of the 605 Freeway in the City of Industry.

The grants of easements are authorized by Section 2, paragraph 13, of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act. This Section provides as follows: "Said Los Angeles County Flood Control District hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic, and as such shall have the power...13. To lease, sell or dispose of any property (or any interest therein) whenever in the judgment of said board of supervisors said property or any interest therein or part thereof, is no longer required for the purposes of said district or may be leased for any purpose without interfering with the use of the same for the purposes of said district..."

The grants of easements are not considered adverse to the LACFCD's purposes and would not hinder the use of the San Gabriel River and Project 275-528 as possible transportation, utility, or recreational corridors. Moreover, the Easement documents will reserve paramount rights for LACFCD purposes.

County Counsel will approve the Easement documents as to form and, subsequent to your action on this matter and execution by the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD, or her designee, the documents will be recorded.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In granting the easements for underground and overhead transmission line purposes, the LACFCD is acting as a responsible agency for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project. The California Public Utilities Commission, as lead agency, has prepared an initial study, consulted with the Department of Public Works (Public Works), and certified a final Environmental Impact Report on December 17, 2009. The LACFCD's granting of the easements to SCE for underground and overhead transmission line purposes would likely be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) if the easements were not part of the larger transmission project. However, the environmental impact of granting the easements cannot be considered separately from the transmission project and, pursuant to CEQA, your Board must make the findings contained in this letter.

Upon your Board's approval of the project, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination with the County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action allows for the joint use of the LACFCD right of way without interfering with the primary mission of the LACFCD.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division. Retain the duplicate for your files.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset
Management)
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